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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I want to use this opportunity to express my support for the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Justice Department last year. This settlement is long overdue and it is definitely time to move forward.

I would say the government negotiated a very tough agreement. Microsoft has agreed to design future versions of Windows that will provide a mechanism to make it easy for computer makers, consumers and software developers to promote non-Microsoft software within Windows. The mechanism will make it easy to add or remove access to features built in to Windows or to non-Microsoft software. Therefore, consumers will have the freedom to choose to change their configuration at any time they please.

I believe this agreement will also benefit the economy. It will bring more certainty to the computer industry and give Microsoft the freedom to design new and improved products.

Sincerely,

Mark Moss